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1. Conant, R. G.: Reduction of industrial time-loss: treatment with carisoprodol compound in musculoskeletal disorders. *Industr. Med. Surg.* 33:25, Jan. 1964.

Also available with ¼ gr. codeine as 'Soma' Compound with Codeine: carisoprodol 200 mg., phenacetin 160 mg., caffeine 32 mg., codeine phosphate 16 mg. (Warning: may be habit-forming.)

**Indications:** 'Soma' Compound and 'Soma' Compound with Codeine are useful for relief of pain and stiffness in traumatic, rheumatic and other conditions affecting muscles and joints. **Contraindications:** Allergic or idiosyncratic reactions to carisoprodol, phenacetin, or codeine phosphate. **Precautions:** *Phenacetin*—With long-term use, give cautiously to patients with anemia and cardiac, pulmonary, renal or hepatic disease. May damage the kidneys when used in large amounts or for long periods. *Caffeine*—Not recommended for persons extremely sensitive to its CNS stimulating action. *Codeine phosphate*—Use with caution in addiction-prone individuals. *Carisoprodol*—Carisoprodol, like other central nervous system depressants, should be used with caution in patients with known propensity for taking excessive quantities of drugs and in patients with known sensitivity to compounds of similar chemical structure, e.g. meprobamate. **Side effects:** Drowsiness, lightheadedness, dizziness, and gastric complaints have been reported infrequently for either or both of these preparations. *Phenacetin*—Side effects are extremely rare with short-term use of recommended doses. Prolonged ingestion of overdoses may produce dyspnea, cyanosis, hemolytic anemia, skin rash, anorexia, subnormal temperature, insomnia, headache, mental disturbances, and tolerance. *Caffeine*—Side effects are almost always the result of overdosage. Average doses may rarely cause nausea, nervousness, insomnia, and diuresis. Excessive dosage may produce, in addition, restlessness, nervousness, tolerance, tinnitus, tremors, scintillating scotomata, tachycardia, and cardiac arrhythmias. *Codeine phosphate*—Possible side effects are nausea, vomiting, constipation, and miosis. *Carisoprodol*—The only side effect reported with any frequency is sleepiness, usually on higher than recommended doses. An occasional patient may not tolerate carisoprodol because of an individual reaction, such as a sensation of weakness. Other rarely observed reactions have included dizziness, ataxia, tremor, agitation, irritability, headache, increase in eosinophil count, flushing of face, and gastrointestinal symptoms. One instance each of pancytopenia and leukopenia, occurring when carisoprodol was administered with other drugs, has been reported, as has an instance of fixed drug eruption with carisoprodol and subsequent cross-reaction to meprobamate. Rare allergic reactions, usually mild, have included one case each of anaphylactoid reaction with mild shock and angioneurotic edema with respiratory difficulty, both reversed with appropriate therapy. In cases of allergic or hypersensitivity reaction, carisoprodol should be discontinued and appropriate therapy initiated. Suicidal attempts may produce coma and/or mild shock and respiratory depression. **Dosage:** Usual adult dosage of 'Soma' Compound or 'Soma' Compound with Codeine is one or two tablets three times daily and at bedtime. **Supplied:** 'Soma' Compound, orange tablets, each containing carisoprodol 200 mg., phenacetin 160 mg., and caffeine 32 mg. 'Soma' Compound with Codeine, white capsule-shaped tablets, each containing carisoprodol 200 mg., phenacetin 160 mg., caffeine 32 mg., and codeine phosphate 16 mg. Narcotic order form required. *Before prescribing, consult package circular.*



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Anfälle schienen  
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gebrochen, verliefen  
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**Ménière's syndrome:  
The Viennese have a word for it**

In Vienna "Dimenhydrinat" (familiar to you as Dramamine) is often the word for control of Ménière's syndrome. Like physicians the world over, Pichler\* found that when patients received this classic drug, "severe attacks appeared to be aborted, passed without vomiting. . . ." ("Die grossen Anfälle schienen in ihrer Schwere gebrochen, verliefen ohne erbrechen. . . .")

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\*Pichler, H.: HNO 4:178-179 (May 28) 1954.

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**INDICATIONS:** To reverse significant respiratory depression due to opiates. Diagnostic—to test for opiate narcotic addiction.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:** Do not use in mild or non-opiate respiratory depression.

**PRECAUTIONS:** Due to risk of violent withdrawal symptoms, use with extreme caution and in small doses in narcotic addicts and in

patients receiving opiate narcotics. Effect gradually lost on successive doses; respiratory depression may result.

**SIDE EFFECTS:** Untoward reactions include dysphoria, miosis, pseudoptosis, lethargy, drowsiness, sweating, pallor, nausea, psychotomimetic manifestations.

**Before prescribing or administering, read product circular with package or available on request.**

**Note:** NALLINE will not precipitate abstinence symptoms in meperidine addicts unless they are taking 1,600 mg. or more daily. The ability of NALLINE to detect addiction to codeine is unknown.

**References:** 1. Brown, T. T.: The Enigma of Drug Addiction, Springfield, Ill., Charles C Thomas, 1961, pp. 287-334. 2. Chesnick, R. D.: Med. Times **90**:247 (March) 1962. 3. Narcotic Addiction Symposium: New York Med. **18**:562 (Aug. 20) 1962.

**SUPPLIED:** Ampuls of 1 and 2 cc. and vials of 10 cc., each cc. containing 5 mg. of nalorphine hydrochloride. **Note:** The Federal Bureau of Narcotics now classifies NALLINE as a Class M narcotic preparation. Thus, the purchase of this preparation no longer requires a Federal Narcotic Order Form.

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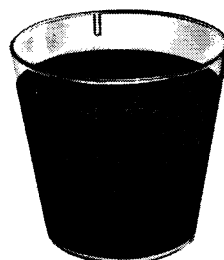
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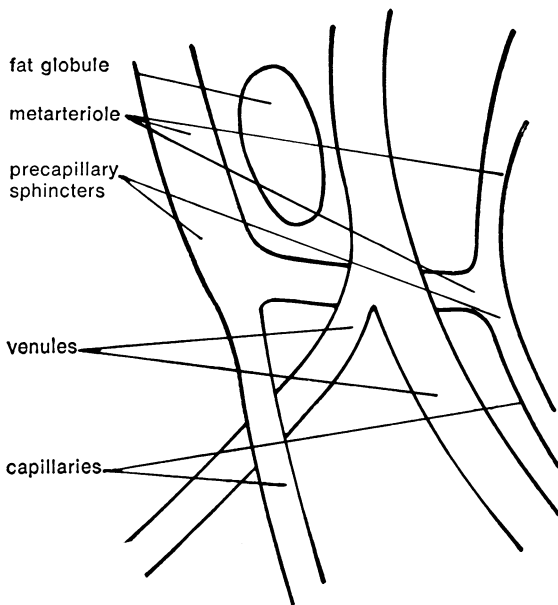


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Side effects: Negligible but, occasionally, transient headache may occur.

Precautions: Exercise caution in glaucoma and with dosage forms containing phenobarbital, which may be habit forming.

Full information is available on request.

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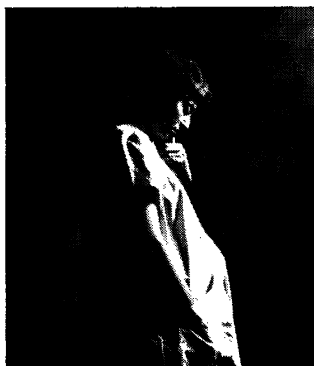
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**Precautions:** Careful supervision of dose and amounts prescribed is advised. Consider possibility of dependence, particularly in patients with history of drug or alcohol addiction; withdraw gradually after use for weeks or months at excessive dosage. Abrupt withdrawal may precipitate recurrence of pre-existing symptoms, or withdrawal reactions including, rarely, epileptiform seizures. Should meprobamate cause drowsiness or visual disturbances, the dose should be reduced and operation of motor vehicles or machinery or other activity requiring alertness should be avoided if these symptoms are present. Effects of excessive alcohol may possibly be increased by meprobamate. Grand mal seizures may be precipitated in persons suffering from both grand and petit mal. Prescribe cautiously and in small quantities to patients with suicidal tendencies.

**Side effects:** Drowsiness may occur and, rarely, ataxia, usually controlled by decreasing the dose. Allergic or idiosyncratic reactions are rare, generally developing after one to four doses. Mild reactions are characterized by an urticarial or erythematous, maculopapular rash. Acute nonthrombocytopenic purpura with peripheral edema and fever, transient leukopenia, and a single case of fatal bullous dermatitis after administration of meprobamate and prednisolone have been reported. More severe and very rare cases of hypersensitivity may produce fever, chills, fainting spells, angioneurotic edema, bronchial spasms, hypotensive crises (1 fatal case), anuria, anaphylaxis, stomatitis and proctitis. Treatment should be symptomatic in such cases, and the drug should not be reinstituted. Isolated cases of agranulocytosis, thrombocytopenic purpura, and a single fatal instance of aplastic anemia have been reported, but only when other drugs known to elicit these conditions were given concomitantly. Fast EEG activity has been reported, usually after excessive meprobamate dosage. Suicidal attempts may produce lethargy, stupor, ataxia, coma, shock, vasomotor and respiratory collapse.

**Usual adult dosage:** One or two 400 mg. tablets three times daily. Doses above 2400 mg. daily are not recommended.

**Supplied:** In two strengths, 400 mg. scored tablets and 200 mg. coated tablets.

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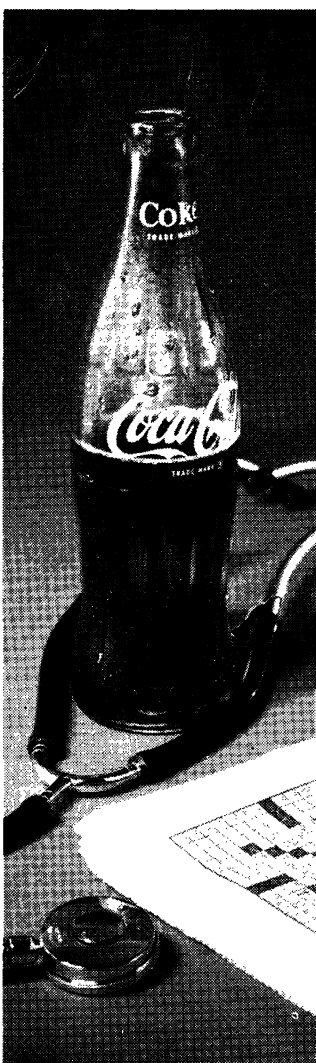
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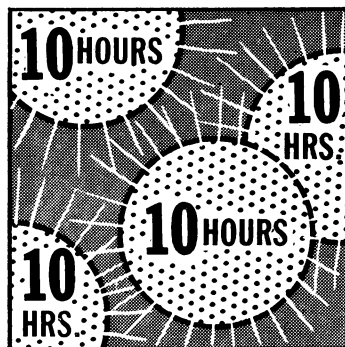
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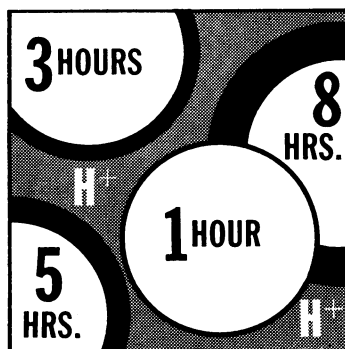
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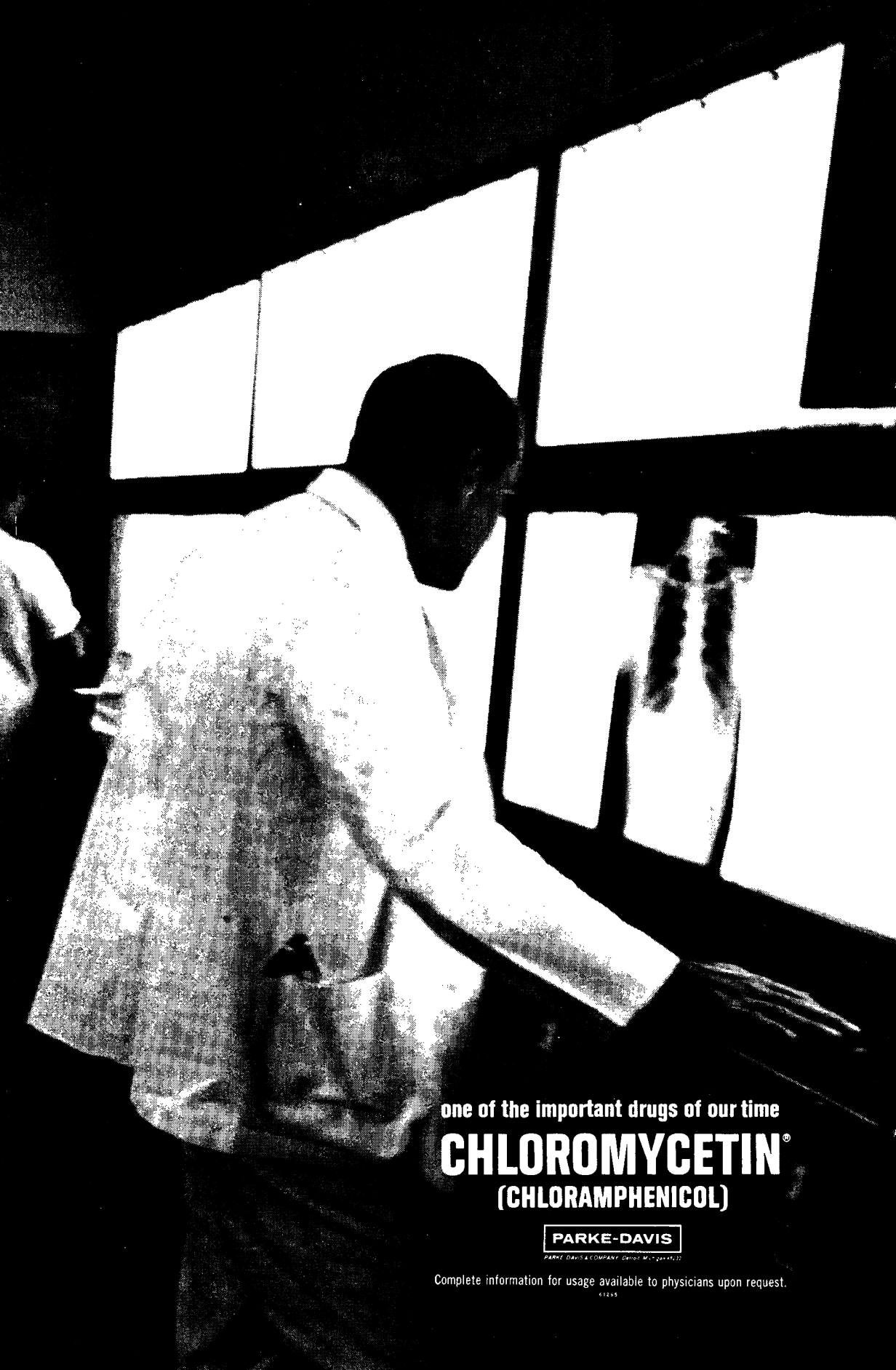
Clinical indications: Prophylactic use only in angina pectoris.

Dosage: One capsule before breakfast, one capsule at bedtime (at 12-hour intervals).

Contraindications: Early myocardial infarction. Caution: These capsules are intended for prophylactic use only. For the relief of an acute anginal attack the sublingual nitroglycerin tablets should be used. Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription. Precautions: Overdosage may cause transient headache.

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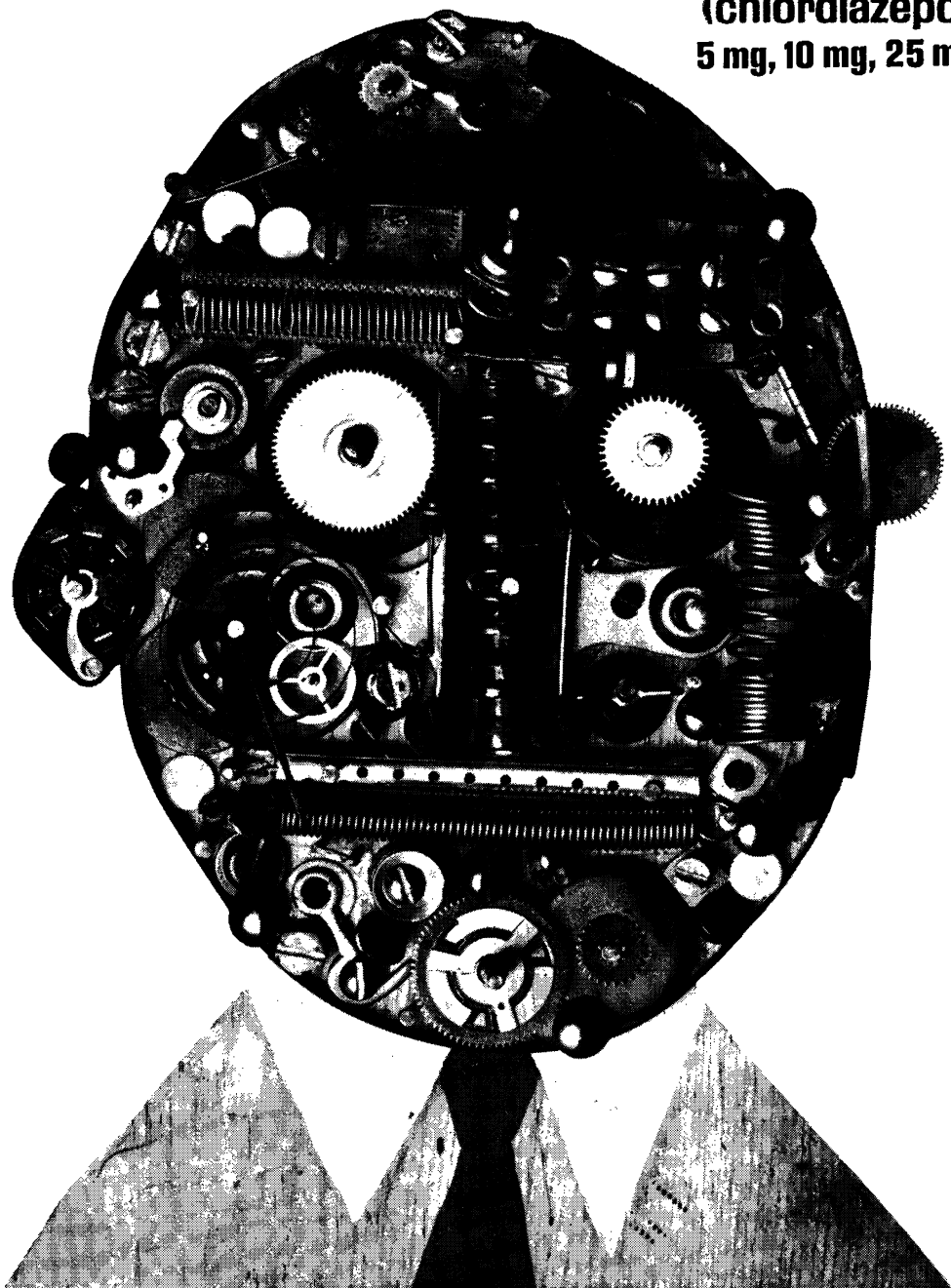


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(chlordiazepoxide HCl)  
5 mg, 10 mg, 25 mg capsules



**In prescribing:** Dosage — Adults: Mild to moderate anxiety and tension, 5 or 10 mg t.i.d. or q.i.d.; severe states, 20 or 25 mg t.i.d. or q.i.d. Geriatric patients: 5 mg b.i.d. to q.i.d. **Side Effects:** Side effects, often dose-related, are drowsiness, ataxia, minor skin rashes, menstrual irregularities, nausea and constipation. When treatment is protracted, blood counts and liver function tests are advisable. Paradoxical reactions may occasionally occur in psychiatric patients. Individual maintenance dosages should be determined. **Precautions:** Advise against possibly hazardous procedures until maintenance dosage is established. Though compatible with most drugs, use care in combining with other psychotropics, particularly MAO inhibitors or phenothiazines; warn patients of possible combined effects with alcohol. Observe usual precautions in impaired renal or hepatic function, and in long-term treatment. Exercise caution in administering drug to addiction-prone patients or those who might increase dosage; withdrawal symptoms, similar to those seen with barbiturates or meprobamate, can occur upon abrupt cessation after prolonged overdosage. Caution should be exercised in prescribing any therapeutic agent for pregnant patients. **Supplied:** Capsules, 5 mg, 10 mg and 25 mg, bottles of 50 and 500.

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